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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have never stated that Government have no intention of interfering. What I said was that Government do propose to pass orders when the report of the Auditor is received."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the Government asked the District Collector to make an enquiry in the matter?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" No, Sir."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" May I know why the Government have not asked him to make an enquiry?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Government consider that it is a matter for the Auditor to enquire into."

Alleged irregularity in Salem District Board in the matter of the disposal of tenders for the maintenance works and roads.

* 789 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations with regard to the disposal of tenders for the maintenance works on roads for 1933–34 by the President, Salem District Board, have been received;

(*b*) if so, when and from whom they were received;

(*c*) what orders have been passed in the matter; and

(*d*) if no orders have yet been passed, what the reasons are for the delay?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From four members of the district board in 1933.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government do not propose to interfere in the matter.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, when a reference was received with regard to this matter?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" About two or three months back."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether it was not in February last year?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have to verify whether it was last year."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" Government say 'Government do not propose to interfere in the matter.' May I know what is their reason for saying so?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The answer that I have given to the previous question applies to this question."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" I want to know whether there is any special reason for Government saying that they do not propose to interfere in the matter of the disobedience of the district board of the

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order issued by the Government. I want to know whether there is any special reason for the Government saying so in this particular case."

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I have stated there are many cases of this nature. In all these cases the Government will interfere when the annual report of the auditor is received."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Is there any rule which forbids the district board, from accepting any tender other than the lowest tender?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The rule says the lowest satisfactory tender must be accepted."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is there any rule permitting the District Board President to accept a higher tender and then reduce the amount of such a tender himself without the knowledge of others and then accept it?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"There is no particular rule either forbidding or allowing it."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934–35.

DEMAND X—SECRETARIAT AND HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHMENTS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS—RESERVED.

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The discussion on Demand X will continue."

* Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"Now I want to discuss the omissions of the Madras Government in their administration of this Presidency. One of the very grave omissions is not tackling the unemployment problem. All the world over the unemployment problem has been tackled by various countries and they have come to some solution or other which they are putting into practice. Especially now at a time of world depression they are very active at it. But here in our country the Government have not moved their little finger towards it. Not only Germany but all the world over, in Italy, America and England this question is being tackled. Now commenting upon this debate the *Madras Mail* says:—

'In opening the Leipzig Fair Dr. Gobbels announced that the German Government had succeeded in reducing unemployment from 6,000,000 to 3,750,000.'

and by a new campaign they are going to reduce this figure by another two millions. *The Madras Mail* says:—

'If the figures quoted are reasonably accurate the first has been remarkably successful and it would appear to be an example to all countries which are suffering from unemployment.'

About the national labour quoted the other day by the Hon. the Finance Member various countries not only Germany, but England, Italy and America have adopted that organization. They are having national labour corps, they are creating national building schemes and are engaging the work of the national labour corps upon such schemes.